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With the debut of Shaker's International Baccalaureate program, students' new choices and opportunities are coming into focus.

See pages 4 and 5 for some clarity on the subject.

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DEMYSTIFYING THE IB PROGRAM

As the first semester draws to a close, many students are still confused about the new International Baccalaureate Diploma Program that debuted in September. Read more about IB requirements in Cover Story, pages 4 and 5.

Cover by Graham Fine

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Editors' Note

Lost in Translation

Sex, drugs, alcohol, drama: they're all on the British TV series "Skins."

"Skins" depicts eight teenagers living in Bristol, England as they experience the struggles and successes of adolescent life; it sounds like another clichéd teen drama, in which someone gets pregnant, someone gets dumped and someone becomes a drug addict. Or all three at once.

In the first episode alone, the group drives a car into a river after spending the night drinking alcohol and experimenting with countless drugs.

Dana Finley

The show's name is derived from the characters' wild drug use; skins are rolling papers for marijuana cigarettes.

Although "Skins" presents some dramatic situations, its casting of undiscovered teen actors and creative scripts makes it more realistic and enticing to teens. The talent is spectacular; "Slumdog Millionaire's" Dev Patel started on the show as Anwar, a Muslim struggling with his super-religious and conservative Pakistani family. The British phenomenon, which is currently filming its fifth season, has recently made its way to the United States, with thousands of American teens watching the series on Netflix, YouTube or sketchy bootleg websites.

Victoria Fydrych

The beauty of "Skins" is that it's partly written by real teenagers, who collaborate with writers in small focus groups and provide writers with perspective. The show seems more in tune with teenage life because its plot is inspired by the lives of real teenagers.

Although some of the drug and alcohol use may be larger than life (one character wallpapers his entire room in empty boxes from prescription drugs that he pops by the handful), it feels genuine. Dana spent time living with a teenager in England, and judging by that experience, "Skins" accurately portrays the life of British adolescents.

Both of us have watched every season and have fallen in love with the two generations of actors. Part of the allure of "Skins" is that the show follows a set of teens for two years and then picks up with another group; the premise is that "Skins" creators wanted to capture the essence of teens at the specific ages of 17-18.

Our love of "Skins," however, does not extend to the recent American transplant of the show by MTV, titled "US Skins." How original. The producers at the network have literally lifted the script from their British counterpart's first episode, and the American actors all look like second cousins of the UK's first generation cast, but not in a good way. The things that sounded so natural in eloquent English accents seem absurd in an American voice.

Clearly, we're biased towards the original E4 series. We love "Skins" for what it represents: an escape from the realities and restraints of American society. But some things across the pond are better left untouched.

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HP7 DOESN'T DISAPPOINT

If you are a fanatic of the "Harry Potter" series, like I am, you might consider "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1" a step down from the previous movies.

As in the last few films, minor characters have less face time and fewer lines.

Seamus Leahy

The scenes of magical action are too short, and the dialogue is sometimes confusing to someone who hasn't read the book.

However, if you are a typical HP fan, by all means, see and enjoy the film.

Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson portray gifted, growing students as they themselves grow up. This time around, their brilliant performances make up for the absence of scenes in Hogwarts.

Screenwriter Steve Kloves keeps the dialogue witty throughout most of the film, which makes some more serious parts of the movie more enjoyable. Despite the small annoyances, HP7, Part 1 is gripping and entertaining.

guest 'rite

Cast: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint
Directed By: David Yates
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Drama/Action & Adventure
Run Time: 2 hr. 30 min.

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Risks accompany phone use

Somewhere in the small print of your cell phone manual is a warning that tells you that your cell phone may not be safe. Holding your cell phone close to your head may expose you to harmful radiation which can cause cell mutilations, increasing risks of brain tumors and cancer. Companies warn users not to hold cell phones within an inch of two of their heads.

SARAH-JANE LORENZO

"There was a chicken sandwich in my purse."
Le'Ausha Jones, junior

FOOD FIGHT!

STUDENTS THREW FOOD in the upper cafeteria during sixth period Dec. 8. At the beginning of the fight, most student spectators were laughing. As the fight escalated, bystanders were splattered with ranch dressing and barbecue sauce, much to their dismay.

Graham Fine•The Shakerite

Food fight during 6th period lunch proves messy for bystanders

BY SARAH-JANE LORENZO
CAMPUS AND CITY EDITOR

A daily conflict enacted with vegetables escalated into a food fight Dec. 8 during sixth period lunch.

Students threw sandwiches, mashed potatoes, ranch dressing, barbecue sauce, green beans, bananas and corn at one another, and food ended up covering the clothes of not only the students involved, but also students eating at the surrounding tables.

Although a security guard was nearby, he was unable to control or stop the fight, which lasted three to four minutes.

The battle between the two tables seemed friendly; according to Shakerite editor Katie Inglis, most of the students involved were smiling and laughing. However, the food fight did not start because the tables wanted to have fun. Students who populate the two tables had been involved in a rivalry for some time.

"It started as every day we threw carrots and celery at each other," said junior Roamelle Bell, who sat at one of the two tables. The day of the fight, the carrots and celery were thrown with ranch and mashed potatoes. Soon, people who were not originally involved in the conflict joined in.

Those who took part in the food fight did not escape punishment. Students claim that three people were suspended for two to five days; Assistant Principal Eric Hutchinson said that only two students were suspended for disruption of school. Students who threw food were also made to clean up the cafeteria after their lunch period was over.

Afghani women seek freedom in fire

1 In early October, 75 women arrived at an Afghanistan hospital with burns covering nearly their entire bodies. Most had self inflicted burns; others were made to look that way. The most devastating cases are actually homicides hidden as suicides.

Self immolation is a tactic of sacrifice, protest and statement. The most well-known historical example occurred during the Vietnam War when Buddhist monk Thich Quang Duc burned himself in downtown Saigon. The act was photographed and published worldwide.

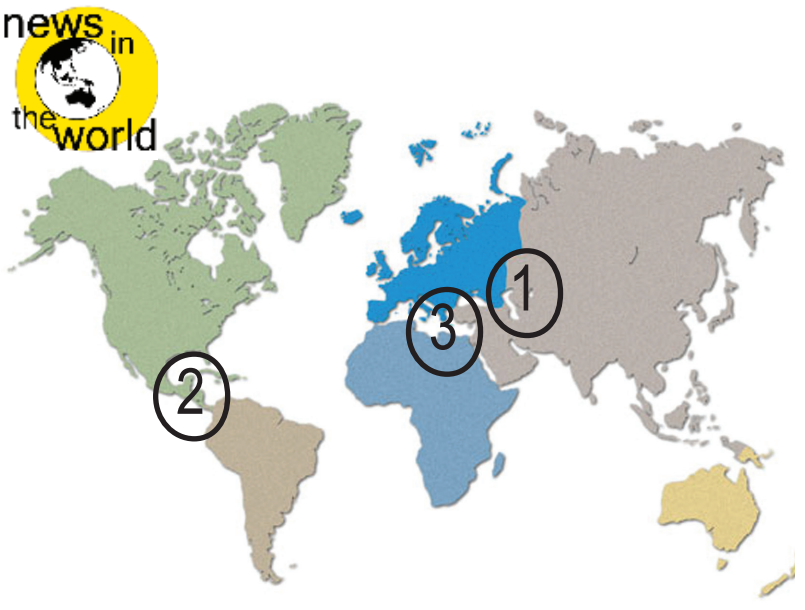
Women in Afghanistan receive little education, rarely have jobs outside the home, and are forced to marry. They have little control of or choice in their lives, and they try to escape by burning themselves.

According to a Nov. 7 New York Times article, Gul Zada became a victim of self immolation when she burned 60 percent of her body after she was humiliated at a family gathering because she hadn't brought a gift to the party.

According to the Times, Zada's primary job was to serve her husband and his family, and hospital staff believe that she may be suffering from depression.

2 Miss Universe 2009 "tweeted" November 24 about the attacks between "the two China's." She was actually trying to say that North and South Korea are at war once again. Nov. 23, North Korea attacked South Korea with artillery fire and the South responded by firing back. According to the New York Times, this is one of the most serious conflicts between the two sides in the last twenty years. The ongoing clash is due to an old land dispute that still hasn't been settled. The disputed area is a demilitarized zone of land lying between the two borders.

3 Pope Benedict attested that in some instances it is okay to use condoms in order to decrease the spread of AIDS. He made it clear that the church's viewpoint on condoms as birth control is different than the standpoint on the usage for disease prevention. He said this Nov. 20 after visiting Africa a year before. At that time he had declared that the distribution of condoms would only increase the spread of AIDS.



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Cover Story

THE CLASSES

The IB Programme was founded at an international school in Switzerland in the 1960s and is now offered in more than 700 U.S. schools. As a diploma school, SHHS must standardize curriculum and instruction according to IB requirements. Therefore, IB students' course choices are more limited than those of other students. Those in the Diploma Program must choose from a list of IB-approved core classes and electives, and the curriculum leaves no open periods for other electives.

	Group 1 Language A	Group 2 Language B	Group 3 Individuals & Societies	Group 4 Science	Group 5 Mathematics	Group 6 Fine Arts or IB Elective from Groups 2, 3 or 4	Group 7 SHHS & IB Requirements
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12	12 English Lit AP/IB	Spanish V AP/IB SL/HL Spanish II Ab initio IB/SL Latin V AP/IB SL/HL French V AP/IB SL/HL Chinese Mandarin IV IB/SL German IV IB/SL	Hist of Euro & Islam IB/SL/HL Hist of Asia & Oceania IB/SL/HI	Chemistry II IB SL/HL Physics I IB/SL	BC Calculus AP & Math IB/HL (double period) AP Calculus AP & Math SL/HL (double period) Math II IB/SL	Art Portfolio IB/HL (double period) Orchestra & Music IB/SL (double period) Band & Music IB/SL (double period) Choir & Music IB/SL (double period) Theater I IB/SL	TOK (Compulsory Evening Course, Semester 1 Only)

IB STUDENTS Soshi Bailer and Patrick Sullivan work with IB Coordinator Tim Mitchell in the high school's learning garden. The garden, which was installed in the courtyard last spring, was the idea of Special Education Chairwoman Stacey Steggert. Special education, AP Environmental Science and IB students have all worked in the garden, which is funded by grant monies.

Jonah Weinstein

While just getting started in Shaker, the International Baccalaureate program is out of focus for some, leading them to ask...

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE IB PROGRAM?

WHAT IS IB?

COMPILED BY ALYSSE EBERHARD AND GRAHAM FINE
COVER STORY EDITORS

As stated in the Shaker Heights High School International Baccalaureate Programme planning guide, the IB program "is designed to provide students with a well-rounded, advanced academic course of study that emphasizes the development of the total individual. The objective of the IB Diploma Programme is to provide students with the tools of analysis, critical reflection, problem solving, and communication skills essential to successful adaptation to the unanticipated challenges they will face in the 21st century."

In keeping with the stress on internationality, foreign languages are now "world" languages, elementary students are learning Chinese and are surrounded by a cavalcade of international flags, and Shaker's approved English texts have been replaced with IB selections.

As with any major program, confusion surrounds what the program entails and how it differs from other classes. "It's been a real struggle to try to communicate effectively in a limited window what it is," teacher and IB Coordinator Tim Mitchell said. Here's your opportunity to see the inner workings of the IB program and what makes it tick.

IB STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Patrick Sullivan
junior

"It's a lot of work but it's an enriching program that gives us insight to real life experiences."

Mogran Hammonds
junior

"It's a good concept but like any good thing, it needs time to grow so they know what to expect."

Hannah McCandless
junior

"Students are judging too quickly what the effects of the program will be...we've only been doing it a few months."

Ian Mercer
junior

"I think it's a well-rounded program that will put out a creative student."

IB by the numbers

45 students were originally enrolled in the IB program

38 students are currently enrolled in the program

$140 registration fee for IB students, not including $92 testing fees

$10,000 annual fee paid by the Shaker School District to IB, not including the costs required to train Shaker staff

62% of the students taking IB classes are female

38% of the students taking IB classes are male

33 Caucasian students taking IB classes

8 African-American students taking IB classes

1 Asian student taking IB classes

THE IB REQUIREMENTS

In addition to specific classes, IB students must also complete a Theory of Knowledge course, an extended essay, and Creativity, Action, Service.

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

The main focus of the Theory of Knowledge class is learning how we know what we know. The TOK I course must be taken during the second semester of an IB student's junior year. Course requirements include keeping a journal, group presentations and writing two TOK essays. The TOK II course is offered during first semester of an IB student's senior year and meets once weekly in the evening. Course requirements include participation, keeping a journal, and completion of two group presentations. Topics for these group presentations range anywhere from the U.S. immigration controversy to cloned food to existence of the soul.

THE EXTENDED ESSAY

The Extended Essay is a 4,000 word research paper on a topic chosen by the student in cooperation with a supervisor in the school. Topics must be chosen from the list of approved DP subjects, which come from the categories of: **biology, business and organization, chemistry, classical Greek and Latin, computer science, design technology, economics, environmental systems, geography, history and history of the Islamic world, information technology in a global society, mathematics, music, peace and conflict studies, philosophy, physics, politics, psychology, social anthropology, theater arts, visual arts, and world religions.** This essay should require approximately 40 hours of work and will conclude with a short interview with the supervising teacher.

This fall, mandatory EE meetings were held with each IB student to review the EE timeline and expectations. By late fall, students developed their topics and research questions. Each student also chose her faculty supervisor. During second semester, clarifications of thesis and outline are expected, and a partial draft is to be submitted before summer break. First drafts of students' essays will be due in October of their senior year. The final draft, complete with all sources and citations, will be submitted to the faculty supervisor for formal review prior to winter break.

CREATIVITY, ACTION, AND SERVICE

CAS calls for students to learn through artistic, sporting, physical and community service activities. The three aspects of this requirement are **creativity** (arts, and other experiences, that involve creative thinking); **action** (physical activity contributing to a healthy lifestyle); **service** (an unpaid and voluntary exchange that has a learning benefit for the student. The rights, dignity and independence of all those involved are to be respected).

The key aspects of CAS activities include planning, acting, observing, reflecting and, ultimately, applying one's learning in new situations.

According to the IB Programme planning guide, "CAS students will be active participants in both individual and sustained, collaborative projects. Regular meetings with the CAS Coordinator, record keeping, and reporting are required."

Miss Universe's mistake

Venezuela's Miss Universe Alicia Machado tweeted Nov. 24, "Tonight I want you to join me in a prayer, about the attacks happening between the Chinas, so that the situation doesn't worsen." As queen of the universe, Machado sends the wrong message in her ignorance of the fact that there is only one China, and two Koreas.

Opinion

WebMD hypes up hypochondria

Symptoms: Anything I hear about.

Diagnosis: Hypochondria.

According to the rest of the world, my headache isn't a symptom for type 2 diabetes. And no, the pain in my left hand isn't juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.

But I'm not convinced. And WebMD Symptom Checker doesn't help.

I instantly regret having this website under my favorites once it shows me the possible diagnosis for my "symptoms." The pain in my back was only mild until I saw the option for "severe" on WebMD Symptom Checker, and I was suddenly overcome with pain.

While trying to uncover the illness behind my knee pain, I didn't consider redness until I saw it on the website. Although I knew that my knee hadn't actually changed color at all, I looked down and to my surprise saw a bright red kneecap. I clicked the "redness" box on Symptom checker, and continued to believe every potential symptom that WebMD said I could possibly feel. I knew I hadn't torn my meniscus, though WebMD thought I had.

Ilana Kramer

I have hypochondria, meaning that I think any little pain in my body is a serious illness. The pain on the back of my left hand is most likely only pain, and will soon be relieved. No matter how many times I tell myself that, I think it's something worse.

The chances of a 16-year-old having arthritis are slim, but obviously, the way my mind works, I'm the teenager who would be cursed.

If I see a commercial for depression, I automatically think the ad was made for me even though I've never had any symptoms suggesting that I should be diagnosed with clinical depression.

Yearly check-ups with pediatricians aren't difficult for most teenagers, but with me they are. While checking my reflexes, the doctor discovered that there was hardly movement in my left leg. She became concerned, but 20 minutes later decided that I shouldn't worry too much about it.

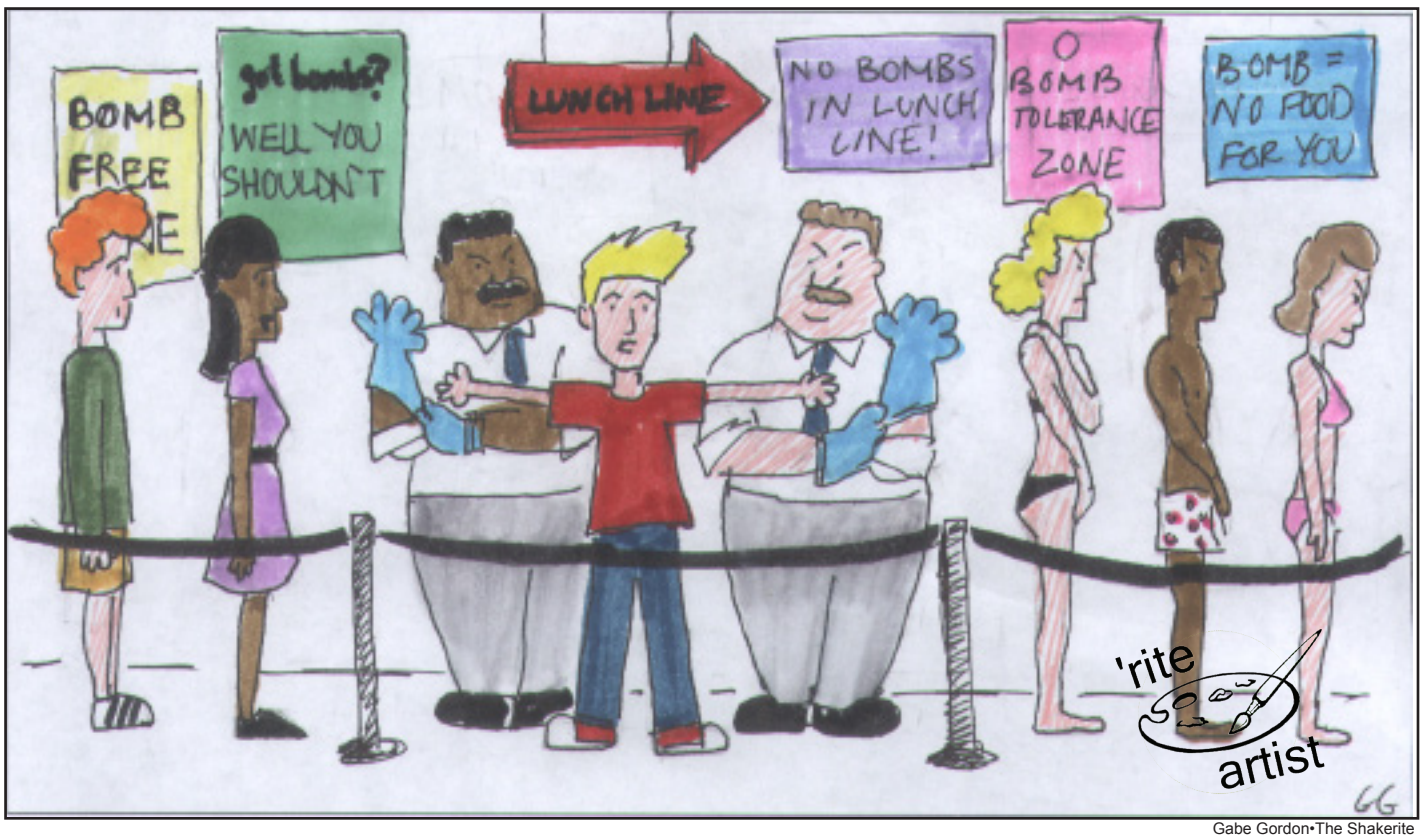
That's not something I'm capable of doing. I spent my entire summer worrying that my leg was about to fall off, only to realize when I got home that it's not terribly uncommon to have inadequate reflexes.

A friend of mine was describing the pain she went through while getting a tattoo – I instantly grabbed my side, where her tattoo was located, and thought I was going through similar pain. Throughout my entire day I was worried about the pain. Later I plugged in my symptoms online and was convinced that I had appendicitis.

It wasn't until later that I realized my friend' s description had caused me to feel similar discomfort. It isn't possible for me to have tattoo pain if I have never set foot in a tattoo parlor.

When I type the most ridiculous symptoms into WebMD, and I haven't seen a doctor, I don't want WebMD to tell me that I have Yellow Fever. I want "hypochondria" to be the answer so I'm aware that my psychotic imagination is only that.

I wish WebMD could clarify that dying in the next 30 seconds from a disease that I clearly don't have isn't happening.



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TSA PAT-DOWNS PASS BOUNDARIES

Imagine this: you're waiting to get lunch, but before you enter the cafeteria you're subjected to an intrusive pat-down in an attempt to ensure students' safety.

It's not happening at the high school, but this could happen to you if you're flying over winter break. Travelers are subjected to a full-body scan, or, if they refuse the scan, a full-body pat-down that could justifiably be referred to as groping.

Horror stories have emerged highlighting the inappropriate actions of TSA employees, who are taking the new technology to the extreme, either as pornography or as an excuse to grope travelers. Examples of such actions include children being forcibly stripped and violating the dignity of recovering cancer patients.

'rite idea

Some protestors are subverting the new security techniques. The new scanners are designed to reveal any metal on a person's body. Jeff Buske, the creator of Rocky Top Gear, created and sells underwear sporting the phrase, "Read the 4th Amendment perverts" in metallic print detectable by the TSA's scanners. Buske told CBS Denver, "The object is . . . to protect the public, educate people and ultimately see these X-ray machines put in the Dumpster."

While it's true that people can refuse the full-body scans, the alternative is no less offensive. Incidents with TSA full-body pat-downs have been far from pleasant. People who have experienced the screening have depicted it as degrading, and even compared it to a sexual assault. Carolyn Durand, an ABC news producer, described her experience bluntly: "The woman who checked me reached her hands inside my underwear and felt her way around . . . It was basically worse than going to the gynecologist. It was embarrassing. It was demeaning. It was inappropriate."

It might be time to update airline security. That said, as with any new technology, airport security systems need to be regulated. Right now, it is far too easy for TSA officials to pass off groping and pornography as vigilance. Such rationale is suspect when a New York Post reporter managed to pass through airport security carrying an 8-inch titanium chain without detection.

There must be a way for passengers to feel safe from both terrorism and an invasion of bodily privacy, but this doesn't seem to be it. If scans and pat-downs guaranteed the end of terror, most people would gladly endure them.

In the meantime, if you're going on vacation over winter break, think about which screening you prefer, but don't refuse security measures. Recognize the absurdity of the full-body scan, but go through with it to avoid an even more uncomfortable situation.

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NSPA

Watkins steps down as head coach

Anthony Watkins resigned as head football coach. An announcement was made via district e-mail that the head coaching position was available. "He gave us a lot of his heart, and he deserved to at least tell his own team he wouldn't be coaching next year, but what's done is done," said junior QB Damon Haley, who learned of the vacancy from another player. Watkins will remain as the men's track coach.

ALYSSE EBERHARD

Dear LeBron,

Kyra Hall

The saddest part is that as a boy you had Michael Jordan posters on your wall.

Now you're just making excuses.

"I've got a goal, and that's a huge goal, and that's to bring an NBA championship here to Cleveland. I won't stop until I get it," you said. LeBron, what's your excuse? The truth is that you quit on us, but we never quit on you.

We supported you when you shot 3-14 against the Celtics during Game 5 of last year's Eastern Conference Finals, but then you took an hour TV special to announce you're "taking your talents to South Beach."

Just so you know, as long as you play for the Miami Heat -- next to Dwayne Wade -- that team will never be yours. You will always be the sidekick, and if you're fine with that then so be it.

Fans wearing "LeTraitor" and "Quitness" shirts entered the Q an hour and a half before game time.

We had been waiting five months for you to return to The Q through the visitors' locker room so we could prove we wouldn't forgive you. Even President Obama was quoted in the Plain Dealer saying, "This [game] is going to be brutal."

We booed as soon as we saw you. It felt like you broke up with the city of Cleveland, and you were with your significant other, Miami. Oh, also, did you notice we welcomed former Cav Zydrunas Ilgauskas with positive cheers? He left the right way.

You looked great every time you missed a warm-up shot, which happened to be eight consecutive times. Then you did your stupid powder thing in the faces of the fans you betrayed. Sweet, LeBron.

The first time you touched the ball, we booed like crazy. However, booing was the nicest gift we had for you. Not only did we boo every time you touched the ball, but chants like "Akron hates you!" "trai-tor" filled the stadium. (I didn't participate in them). My seats were close enough to see that you weren't affected. The louder fans got, the more you smiled. You used our venom to your advantage.

By halftime the score was Heat 59, Cavs 40, and the five seats next to me were empty.

By the time it was over, you had slammed 38 points, five rebounds and eight assists in our faces.

Following the game Cavs owner Dan Gilbert tweeted, "Words don't even express my feelings so I won't even try. Know this: There's nothing U are feeling that I'm not. The best B-Ball player ever once said: 'My pain was my motivation.' And so it will be with us."

Gilbert, of course, referred to Michael Jordan, whose posters were on your wall when you were little and you hoped you could be like him. Now you are small, and you give us nothing to idolize. You embarrassed us, because for once we actually thought there was hope.

Your posters will never grace my walls.

Sincerely,

Kyra

P.S. The Browns beat the Dolphins.

WHAT'S THE SNITCH?

Unable to fly, Shaker Muggles adapt magical sport of Quidditch

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RAVENCLAW QUIDDITCH PLAYERS charge midfield during their first game Nov. 2 at Shaker Middle School; after yelling "up," players kick up their brooms and run off. When the game starts, the quaffle and two bludgers are lined up in the middle; by this time, the Snitch has already run off.

BY KYRA HALL
RAIDERZONE EDITOR

"Do they, like, fly?" Muggles ask.

Although J.K. Rowling invented the sport, Quidditch—or at least a land-adapted version—has flown out of the popular Harry Potter books and come to life in Shaker.

Junior Alissa Poolpol, a avid Harry Potter fan, had the idea. Quidditch Club quickly grew from 30 to 100 members and more than 10 teams. Originally, the club used the names of the four Hogwarts houses found in Rowling's books: Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff. But with the avalanche of interest, more teams were created and the names were changed.

"I'm pumped about the club. We're the newest and biggest thing at Shaker," junior seeker Colin Sweeney said.

As for the question of flight, ground Quidditch is just that – grounded. Each match features two teams of seven players, and although they don't fly, each player must carry a broom between his or her legs for the duration. As in the books, the objective is to have the most points when the golden snitch is caught, ending the game.

While in the books the snitch is a tiny, winged, speedy orb, the "Mugglified" snitch is a gold-suited student, often a cross country runner, whose wears a tennis ball-filled sock. The seeker's job is to steal it, and once he does, the game ends and the seeker's team receives 50 points. As the seeker tries to catch the snitch, the three chasers' job is to throw the quaffle (a deflated volleyball) through hoops for 10 points, and the two beaters' objective is to hit their opponents with the bludgers (dodge balls). Bludgeoned players must drop the ball and run to their goal post and back. Lastly, the keeper is the goalie.

"I wasn't originally interested in Quidditch. However, after being recruited, and experiencing the game first hand, I have to say it was pretty funny," senior beater Lindsay White said.

Other schools have began playing Quidditch too. More than 400 colleges and 300 high schools around the world have adopted it. The Quidditch World Cup took place in New York City and attracted more than 700 participants. Middlebury College won the championship.

Could we eventually see an NCAA Quidditch tournament? "I don't think it will be a varsity sport before I graduate, but I like how laid back it is," Sweeney said.

Maybe one day Shaker students will put Quidditch on their varsity jackets. Said sophomore Jack Nemeth "It would be cool to have a varsity 'S' with a broomstick through it."

Shaker poised to leave LEL, join NOC

BY IAN ROUND
RAIDERZONE EDITOR

Shaker is expected to leave the Lake Erie League and join the Northeast Ohio Conference in all sports beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

At the Dec. 6 faculty meeting, Principal Michael Griffith said the departure of LEL member schools over the years was because the "remaining league doesn't represent our diversity." He said that with Mentor's move to the NOC next year, the LEL would have few large schools remaining. He explained that the LEL has become a predominantly African-American league and lacks competition for predominantly white sports, such as swimming and tennis.

Griffith and Athletics Director Don Readance made a presentation to NOC officials Dec. 6 and should receive formal confirmation of their acceptance into the league before winter break. The move to the NOC has been popular among LEL schools; at least seven of the founding LEL member schools are already in the NOC. Nordonia and Lakewood are leaving the NOC, creating spots for Mentor and, after an official vote, Shaker.

Shaker's closest NOC foe would be Brush; its furthest road trip would be the nearly one-hour trek to Medina. The NOC has 18 teams in three divisions organized by performance to enhance competition. A school can be in a different division in any sport, and divisions are reorganized every two years. Shaker would enter during a reorganization year.

Who's in the NOC?

Brunswick, Brush, Cuyahoga Falls, Elyria, Garfield Heights, Hudson, Lakewood*, Mayfield, Medina, Nordonia*, Normandy, North Royalton, Parma, Solon, Strongsville, Stow-Munroe Falls, Twinsburg, Valley Forge

* Nordonia will leave after this year, and Lakewood after next.

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Spotlight

Metamorphoses Amazes

Set in and around a pool of water, the Theater Department's fall production of "Metamorphoses" offered a world of emotion: sadness, joy and plenty of comedy. The stories, based on The Myths of Ovid, allowed an exceptional number of students to play key roles in the show. Truly memorable was Steven Friedman's portrayal of Phaeton and Brendan O'Connell's portrayal of Apollo. Said department chairwoman and director Christine McBurney,"Theater reminds us . . . that live storytelling and imagery are powerful."

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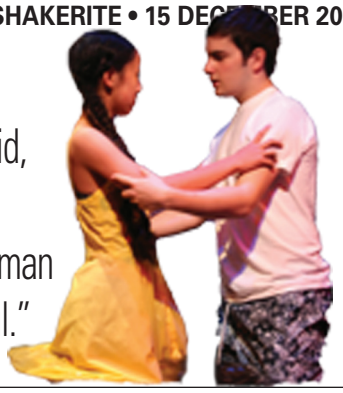

Hogwarts vs. Shaker

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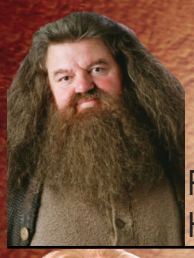
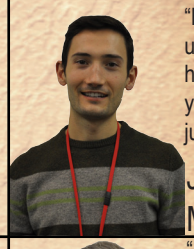
	At Hogwarts	To students	At SHHS
 Rubeus Hagrid	Former Hogwarts student framed by Tom Riddle for opening the Chamber of Secrets and expelled from Gryffindor house. Currently lives on Hogwarts grounds and is the gamekeeper for Hogwarts.	Gentle giant who loves his pets, Buckbeak - a hippogriff, Fang - a Boarhound and Norbert - a Norwegian Ridgeback dragon. His on-campus house provides a safe haven for Hogwarts students, especially Harry Potter, Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley.	"Mr. Culek is the gamekeeper of the environmental science department, plus he's caring like Hagrid." senior Ford Shelton Kenneth Culek
UNKNOWN Alastor "Mad-Eye" Moody	A loyal and powerful member of the Order of the Phoenix, a society working against Voldemort. Fought in all Wizarding Wars against the Dark Arts. Known to yell, 'Constant vigilance!' to keep wizards on their feet.	Extremely devoted to his job teaching Defense Against the Dark Arts at Hogwarts. Popular among wizards and has many friends despite his rough-around-the-edges personality.	"He seems intimidating at first but he's really caring." senior Emily Longman Geoffrey Gainford
Severus Snape	Was a Death Eater until Lilly Potter died; he then joined the Order of the Phoenix. Loyal to Dumbledore and later in the series, appears to fall back to the dark side. His allegiance remains uncertain until the last book.	Always was out to get Harry, Ron and Hermione, but only to mask his true support for Harry's exploits. He taught Potions through his fifth year teaching then Defense Against the Dark Arts and eventually became Headmaster of Hogwarts after Dumbledore's death.	 "Mr. Moore dresses up as snape for halloween every year." junior Matt Reesing John Moore
Remus Lupin	Is a werewolf, because he was bitten by one at a young age. Dumbledore fully supported his attendance at Hogwarts regardless. Best friends with Harry's Father, James Potter. Member of the Order of the Phoenix.	Taught Defense Against the Dark Arts for one year at Hogwarts and taught Harry how to cast the life-saving patronus spell. Always had excellent relations with his students.	"Lupin is a mentor and Mr. Mitchell is a really good at guiding people." senior Annabel Wang Timothy Mitchell
Albus Dumbledore	Possessed the Elder wand, the most powerful wand ever created. Headmaster of Hogwarts. Arguably one of the best wizards of all time. Head of the Order of the Phoenix.	Harry's confidant, protector and supporter. Always looks out for the greater good of Hogwarts. His pet phoenix can heal people with its tears.	"Parker is a wise, jovial elder like Dumbledore." junior Cassie Torrence Dann Parker
Minerva McGonagall	Head of Gryffindor house, Transfiguration professor and later Deputy Headmistress at Hogwarts. Member of the Order of the Phoenix. Can transform into a cat.	She always watches over Harry and helps Dumbledore make crucial decisions regarding Harry. Encouraged Harry to try out for the Quidditch team. Taught young Hogwarts students to dance before their first social.	"McGonagall is authoritative and very well respected, like Mrs. Blattner." senior Alyssa Binczyk Eileen Blattner